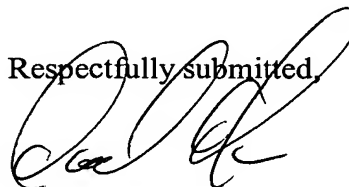


Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kakigi, are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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